



HUNTING INCIDENTS 2008

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



	County	Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty Type	Self Inflicted	Equipment	Shooter Age(s)	Victim Age(s)	Shooter Violation	Victim Violation	Major Factor
1	ST JOSEPH	1/12/08	WATERFOWL	FATAL	N	SHOTGUN	42	14	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE While geese hunting both parties were in a canoe opposite ends, as the geese flew in, the shooter raised the firearm with finger on trigger and accidentally shot victim.
2	OAKLAND	9/20/08	SQUIRREL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN		16	N	N	FAILURE TO ID TARGET While walking afield victim was shot in the back of the head.
3	DELTA	10/8/08	PARTRIDGE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	65	40			VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER After exiting the ATV the shooter shot at the partridge shooting victim.
4	IRON	10/11/08	GROUSE	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	51	15	Y	N	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM While flushing grouse shooter swung on the bird and shot victim.
5	CLINTON	10/23/08	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	37	24	Y	N	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Game Law violation Shooter shot across roadway, hitting victim in the chin.
6	OGEMAW	11/15/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	58		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Subject shot self in hand while loading a handgun while preparing for hunt.
7	MIDLAND	11/16/08	DEER	FATAL	N	RIFLE	26	33	UNK	N/A	VICTIM OUT OF SIGHT OF SHOOTER Shooter shot at a deer in a field. Bullet continued beyond deer striking victim in chest who was seated in a hunting blind.
8	EMMET	11/17/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	RIFLE	31				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM While walking from blind to camp, slipped on ice and pulled trigger, shot self in foot.
9	LENAWEE	11/19/08	WATERFOWL	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	49	41	N	N	VICTIM IN LINE OF FIRE While attempting to move their boat from shallow water, the firearm fell and discharged hitting victim in the leg.
10	LAPEER	11/19/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	HANDGUN	51				CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM While attempting to drag deer, firearm accidentally discharged.
11	Cheboygan	11/20/08	DEER	non-fatal	N	rifle	43	3&5	pending	n/a	SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME Subject reportedly fired at a deer. Bullet continued and entered daycare facility in background, grazing two children.
12	SCHOOLCRAFT	11/20/08	SMALL GAME	NONFATAL	Y	UNK	16		N/A	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Subject attempting to clear a malfunction, gun went off striking subject in left foot.
13	JACKSON	11/28/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	unk	50s?	unk	n/a	Investigation continuing Subject shot in face by unknown suspect(s) while deer hunting. Investigation pending.
14	CALHOUN	11/29/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	42	n/a	n/a	n/a	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM Subject set shotgun down and placed hand over the end of the barrel as he did so. Gun went off striking victim in hand.

15	ST JOSEPH	11/29/08	DEER	NONFATAL	N	SHOTGUN	19	Y		SHOOTER SWINGING ON GAME
	Shooter shot at a deer, a shot ricochet striking a house. Hunting within the Safety Zone.									
16	GRAND TRAVERSE	11/30/08	DEER	NONFATAL	Y	RIFLE	37	n/a	n/a	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
	Subject loading gun, shot self in foot while doing so.									
17	ST JOSEPH	12/29/08	SMALL GAME	NONFATAL	Y	SHOTGUN	38	n/a	N/A	CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARM
	Victim was placing a loaded firearm back in vehicle, and firearm discharged hitting victim in right hand									